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DEFENDANTS FEDERAL HOME LOAN **CORPORATION'S** MORTGAGE **AND** BANK OF AMERICA'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNDER SEAL

COLFIN AI-NV 2, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. a National Banking Association, as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP; MTC FINANCIAL INC., a California corporation; JOHN VIDA, an individual; FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE COPORATION, a federally chartered corporation; ELMER S. CASTRO, an individual; JFK FINANCIAL, INC., a Nevada Corporation; DOE individuals I through XX; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX,

Defendants.

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Defendants Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and Bank of America (BANA), by and through their counsel of record, Akerman LLP, move for leave to file Exhibits A and B to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's Declaration in Support of Bank of America, N.A. and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment under seal pursuant to LR 10-5(b).

"Every court has supervisory power over its own records and files. . . ." Nixon v. Warner Comme'ns, Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 598, 98 S. Ct. 1306, 1312, 55 L. Ed. 2d 570 (1978). "[T]he common-

law right of inspection has bowed before the power of a court to insure that its records" do not serve as a source of "business information that might harm a litigant's competitive standing" by releasing trade secrets. *Id.* Judicial records attached to dispositive motions can be sealed given compelling reasons to support the secrecy, as in this case. *See Kamakana v. City & Cty. of Honolulu,* 447 F.3d 1172, 1180 (9th Cir. 2006). BANA and Freddie Mac hereby request that certain exhibits to Freddie Mac's declaration in support of it and BANA's motion for summary judgment be sealed because the documents contain confidential and proprietary commercial terms and business information.

Freddie Mac does not originate mortgage loans. Instead, it purchases mortgage loans on the secondary mortgage market from loan originators and other entities who own mortgage loans (collectively, "Lenders"). With regard to certain loan purchases, Freddie Mac will purchase mortgage loans in bulk from an approved Lender. For certain bulk purchases, Freddie Mac acquires mortgage loans by the use of contracts known as Master Agreements along with corresponding Master Commitments which approve Lenders to sell certain types of loans to Freddie Mac and establish the terms under which such loans may be sold.

On or about February 25, 2005, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and Freddie Mac entered into Master Agreement No. MA04120883 and also entered into a corresponding Master Commitment No. T05012783, dated as of February 1, 2005, which incorporates the terms of Master Agreement No. MA04120883. A copy of Master Agreement No. MA04120883 is being provided under seal as Exhibit A. A copy of Master Commitment No. T05012783 is being provided under seal as Exhibit B.

Master Agreement No. MA04120883 and Master Commitment T05012783 do not specify any individual mortgage loans that Freddie Mac will purchase from BANA but rather establish the general terms for future sales of mortgage loans from BANA to Freddie Mac. These documents, which evidence the terms upon which Freddie Mac purchased a particular loan or groups of loans, contain proprietary business and commercial information of Freddie Mac and BANA, including, but not limited to, the pricing of various mortgage loans by type and other factors on the secondary mortgage market. This information is extremely sensitive given Freddie Mac's significant role in the secondary mortgage market and should such information be publicly disclosed, will most

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certainly have a detrimental impact on Freddie Mac's mortgage business and the secondary mortgage market in general.

Furthermore, Master Agreement No. MA04120883 and Master Commitment T05012783 provide that the business terms contained therein are confidential information and that the parties will not release or disclose, nor permit the release or disclosure of, such confidential information for any purposes, except as provided for in the Freddie Mac Seller and Servicer Guide (the "Guide").

The Guide in turn requires that a Seller/Servicer treat all confidential information as strictly confidential and proprietary and precludes BANA from disclosing the business terms contained in Master Agreement No. MA04120883 and Master Commitment T05012783 unless agreed to by Freddie Mac or ordered by a court or administrative agency. The Guide explicitly authorizes Freddie Mac to take any action it deems necessary to prevent or limit the release or disclosure of confidential information. Guide, section 1201.8.

Given the nature of the confidential and proprietary information contained in Exhibits A and B, compelling reasons exist for filing the documents under seal. Accordingly, BANA and Freddie Mac respectfully request that the Court order that the documents be filed under seal pursuant to LR 10-5(b).

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DATED: April 20, 2016

IT IS SO ORDERED:

RD F. BOULWARE, II

RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II United States District Judge DATED this 3rd day of May, 2016. By:/s/ William S. Habdas

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 1 Pursuant to F.R.C.P. 5(b) and Electronic Filing Procedure IV(B), I certify that on the 20th 2 3 day of April 2016, a true and correct copy of the **DEFENDANTS FEDERAL HOME LOAN** 4 MORTGAGE CORPORATION'S AND BANK OF AMERICA'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO 5 FILE UNDER SEAL, was delivered by sending a paper copy via U.S. Mail. 6 Roger P. Croteau, Esq. Timothy E. Rhoda, Esq. 7 ROGER P. CROTEAU &ASSOCIATES, LTD. 9120 West Post Road, Suite 100 8 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Neal D. Gidvani, Esq. Phillip A. Silvestri, Esq. 11 SILVESTRI GIDVANÎ, P.C. 400 South 4th Street, Suite 500 12 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 13 Attorneys for Defendant MTC Financial, Inc. 14 Richard Reynolds, Esq. BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP **15** 1851 East First, Suite 1550 Santa Ana, California 92705 **16** Attorneys for Defendant MTC Financial, Inc. **17** John T. Steffen, Esq. 18 Michael S. Kelley, Esq. Joshua O. Igeleke Jr. 19 HUTCHINSON & STEFFEN, LLC 10080 West Alta Drive, Suite 200 **20** Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 21 Attorneys for Defendant Colfin A1-NV2, LLC 22 /s/ Allen G. Stephens 23 An employee of AKERMAN LLP 24 25 26 27 28

Exhibit A – Filed separately under seal, pending ruling on motion to seal. Un-redacted version served on the parties by U.S. Mail.

Exhibit B – Filed separately under seal, pending ruling on motion to seal. Un-redacted version served on the parties by U.S. Mail.